

Environmental History

7.1.4 Outline key historical influences on the development of the modern environmental movement.

1940's - 1950's

- 1956 Minamata Deaths from mercury
- 1952 Great Smog in London kills 4000
- 1948 IUCN Founded

After 2nd World War
Awareness raised of
Food supply + depletion
of nat. Resources.
Ag. Intensifies.

1960's - 1970's

- 1960 Pop. hits 3 billion
- 1968 "Earthrise" photo from Apollo 8
- 1969 Cuyahoga River burns due to pollution.
- 1978 Love Canal
- 1979 3 mile Island Nuclear disaster
- 1962 Rachel Carson's Silent Spring
- 1961 WWF Founded
- 1974 CITES Founded
- 1977 Greenpeace "Save the Whale"

Awareness Raised on
local air & water
pollution.

Beginnings of a
broad protest
movement.

Envir. Stewardship
promoted

1980's - 1990's

- 1984 Bhopal Disaster
- 1986 Chernobyl disaster
- 1991 Oil Spilled in Gulf After Gulf War.

Awareness Raised
of global
envir. pollution
issues.

Ozone, acid dep,
Radical Protests

2000's - 2010's

- 2000 Pop hits 6 billion
- 2005 Hurricane Katrina hits US
- 2007 Great Pacific Ocean Patch discovered
- 2001 US Rejects Kyoto Protocol
- 2006 An Inconvenient Truth
- 2009 G-20 London Summit

*Concerns over
Global Climate
Change:

Biodiversity
GMO's
deforestation
Water scarcity
Emerging Diseases
Globalization

*Cooperate
Enviro. becomes
Common